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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing concerning the plans for allowing xenotransplantation to take place on patients in our country. Your organization, the FDA, implemented a ban on transplantation of vital organs, cells and tissue from non-human primates to humans due to "significant infectious disease risk". I cannot understand why you would then consider the transplanting of organs or cells to humans from animals of different species.

These animals can carry a variety of undetected viruses and diseases that when transplanted in our bodies could cause severe outbreaks of incurable sickness. Pigs carry a variety of viruses unknown to humans. For this reason alone, not including those of moral ethics, this should be stopped.

Please ban xenotransplantation immediately.


Thank you,



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